



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

23 August 2026  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**Office Opening Hours** — For the next two weeks, the Cathedral office will be operating restricted opening hours, opening on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Normal opening hours resume on Monday 7 September.

**Holy Hour for Vocations** takes place on Monday 31 August at 8:00pm: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed using the Irish Vocations Monstrance which has been blessed by Pope Leo.

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday came to €3,228.62, and on 15 August came to €1,063.02: our sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral financially.

**Diocesan Youth Faith Services Collection** — There is a second collection at all Sunday Masses next weekend, in support of services for young people – these include retreats, pilgrimages and the John Paul II Awards.

**Celebrations This Week** — Feast of St Bartholomew, apostle (24 August); memorials of St Monica (27 August), and St Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church (28 August), and the Passion of St John the Baptist (29 August); optional memorials of St Louis of France (25 August), and St Joseph Calasanz, priest (25 August). St Rose of Lima, virgin (23 August), and St Eugene, bishop (23 August), are not celebrated this year as the Sunday of ordinary time takes precedence; however, in the Diocese of Derry St Eugene is celebrated on 23 August as a solemnity.

### Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The diocese provides a programme designed to assist those considering committing to the Christian faith and way of life. The programme, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), begins in September and enrolments are being accepted now. Please contact [rcia@anghailil.ie](mailto:rcia@anghailil.ie) or phone 091-563566 or 091-841560 for more information.

## OTHER NEWS

**Cemetery Sunday** takes place today in Forthill Cemetery with Mass at 12:15pm, and in Rahoon Cemetery on Sunday 13 September at 12:00 noon.

**Church Gate Collection** — Galway Red Cross is holding a church gate collection today.

**Anam Cara** is holding an information evening dedicated to supporting bereaved siblings; this takes place online, on Tuesday 15 September at 7:00pm. More information from [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie).

**A Free Computer Course** is offered by the National Learning Network, part of the Rehab Group: please contact Kevin Fitzgerald at [kevin.fitzgerald@nlm.ie](mailto:kevin.fitzgerald@nlm.ie).

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

*Masses for the living are not listed here, though are celebrated as usual.*

|            |                               |           |                                                                           |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 6:00   | Caithlin (Kay) Fennell        | Fri 11:00 | Thomas Sweeney                                                            |
| Sun 9:00   | Patricia Flaherty             | 6:00      | Golden Book of Remembrance                                                |
| 10:30      | Stiofán de Búrca              | Sat 11:00 | Nicholas & Eileen McDonald                                                |
| 12:30      | Agnes Gilligan                | 6:00      | William & Teresa Hourigan                                                 |
| 6:00       | Irena Nowakowska              | Sun 9:00  | Ciara, Tom & Bernadette Lohan;<br>Catherine, Mary Anne & Patricia O'Brien |
| Mon 11:00  | Eithne Moran                  | 10:30     | Millie & Seán Bolton; Liz Murphy<br>& Baby David                          |
| 6:00       | Omana Richard                 | 12:30     | Kathleen & Edward Diviney                                                 |
| Tue 11:00  | John Doocey                   | 6:00      | John Seary                                                                |
| Wed 11:00  | Kate & Hermann Müllers        |           |                                                                           |
| 6:00       | Irene Bohan                   |           |                                                                           |
| Thur 11:00 | James, Delia & Jimmy Rabbitte |           |                                                                           |
| 6:00       | Eileen & Joe McDonagh         |           |                                                                           |

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#### Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte  
Fr John Gerard Acton  
Fr Jijo Johnney

#### Mass on Sunday

Sat. 6:00pm; Sun. 9:00am (Gaeilge),  
10:30am (choir), 12:30pm, 6:00pm

#### Mass on Holy Days

Vigil Mass at 6:00pm; Mass on the day at  
11:00am, 6:00pm

#### Mass on Weekdays

11:00am, 6:00pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday–Saturday, 5:30pm–5:50pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday–Friday, 11:30am–6:00pm  
Sunday, 1:30pm–6:00pm

#### Marriage & Baptism

For details & requirements see [www.galwaycathedral.ie/liturgy](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/liturgy)

#### Cathedral Bookshop

091-531433  
Monday–Saturday, 9:30am – 5:15pm;  
Sunday after each morning Mass

#### Bethany Bereavement Support

Contact the group at 085-2258827

#### Legion of Mary

Contact: 087-2423068

#### Safeguarding

Ms Aileen Cawley: 085-2288047